

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Yih-Shin Tan et al.** § Attorney Docket No. **RSW920030276US1**
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Serial No.: **10/772,135** § Examiner: **Michael E. Keefer**
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Filed: February 4, 2004 § Confirmation No.: **4257**
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For: **METHOD, SYSTEMS, AND** § Art Unit: **2154**
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
FOR CONFIGURING RULES FOR
SERVICE NODES IN GRID SERVICE
ARCHITECTURE SYSTEMS §

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2008, having a shortened statutory period ending April 23, 2008. Please charge any fees necessary to further the prosecution of the present application to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0461**.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.